

## QUALIFYING CONNECTIONS

Recognising the more mobile nature of people in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century the Church of England recently changed the 'rules' relating to who could be married where.

In addition to living in the parish or being on the electoral roll there is now an additional list of 'qualifying connections'.

You may be married in the Abbey Parish – at either the Abbey or St. Peter's if either of you:

- Lived in the parish for a period of not less than 6 months.
- Was a regular worshipper in either church for a period of not less than 6 months.
- Was Baptised (Christened) in either church.
- Have parents who were married in either church.
- Have grandparents who were married in either church.

There is a bit of fine-print to this, but the above are the basic normal 'qualifying connections'.